



# News Release

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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND September 22, 2014 – For the week ending September 21, 2014, much needed warmer and drier conditions were experienced across most of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, the nights did cool off significantly with portions of the State receiving frost. Some areas in the central and northeastern parts of the State received hail that damaged standing crops. Statewide, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 84 adequate, and 12 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 85 adequate, and 11 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat harvested reached 95 percent. Planting of the 2015 crop was 51 percent complete, compared to last year at 47 percent.

Durum wheat mature was 97 percent. Harvested was 55 percent, well behind 73 last year and 80 for the five-year average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 21 fair, 66 good, and 6 excellent.

Spring wheat harvested was 82 percent, behind both last year and average at 91 percent.

Barley harvest was 91 percent complete, near 94 last year, but behind 98 average.

Oats harvested was 88 percent, behind 100 last year and 98 average.

Canola harvest was 84 percent complete, near 81 last year and 85 average.

Flaxseed harvested was 50 percent, near 51 last year, but behind 63 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 68 good, and 8 excellent.

Lentils harvest was 53 percent complete, well behind last year at 89 and 94 average.

Dry edible peas harvested was 95 percent, near both last year and average at 100 percent.

Dry beans dropping leaves was 95 percent, ahead of 91 last year and 85 average. Harvested was 29 percent, behind 38 last year and 41 average. Conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 6 poor, 28 fair, 55 good, and 8 excellent.

Potatoes at the vines dry stage was 81 percent, ahead of 55 last year and 77 average. Harvest was 22 percent complete, ahead of 10 last year, but behind 29 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 26 fair, 56 good, and 11 excellent.

Corn dented was 80 percent, behind last year at 87 and 85 average. Mature was 9 percent, behind 22 last year and well behind 39 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 18 fair, 55 good, and 19 excellent.

Soybeans dropping leaves was 67 percent, behind 79 last year, but near 69 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 59 good, and 16 excellent.

Sunflowers at the ray flowers dry stage was 84 percent, near last year at 87, but behind 93 average. Bracts yellow were 35 percent, behind 50 last year and well behind 71 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 63 good, and 13 excellent.

Sugarbeets harvested was 6 percent, near 9 last year and 10 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 28 fair, 50 good, and 14 excellent.

Second cutting of alfalfa was 93 percent complete, behind last year and average at 100. Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 13 fair, 63 good, and 20 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 15 fair, 61 good, and 21 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 85 adequate, and 13 surplus.

*Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and NDSU Extension Service.*

*Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:*  
<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2014/CropProg-09-22-2014.pdf>

*Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:*  
[http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update\\_region&state=ND&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=ND&region=HPRCC)

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*  
<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?ND>